



Joe also passes on this info...  
 Here is a web site I found that maybe of interest to the group, It's a US Radio/TV search web page to give any information regarding Radio or TV transmitters including Location, Ant Pattern, Closest stations around a station, and can be searched by Call Letter, City/ST or Zip Code. The Web site is <http://www.globalcommnet.com/findsta.htm>  
 TTL Joe N2OAD

**NYDXA UNVEILS NEW WEB SITE!**

<http://nydxa.4t.com>  
 Now in it's 5<sup>th</sup> year "The Urban DX'er" adds another resource to compliment our weekly net. NYDXA *ONLINE* will feature a complete archive of our monthly newsletter as well as links to your favorite scanner resources. Over the next few weeks I'll also be adding selected pieces of software we mention on the net and here in The Urban DX'er. Links to my web page and Charlie N2NOV's page will also be included. These pages will "mirror" much of the information contained on NYDXA *ONLINE*.

If you have an idea to improve the site please E mail us share you ideas!  
 Bob, WA2SQQ - Charlie, N2NOV

**WESTWOOD,NJ UPDATE**

John, KB2SGJ passes along this interesting info. "Found a new freq while searching for the elusive Westwood (NJ) "F-9". I just love the new 780xlt search capability. Linking search ranges AND selective CTCSS, oh boy!! Anyway, I have found **Hillsdale PD** using 159.21 (PL 71.9) as a F-2 channel. Also, the Scanner Master 6th edition lists **154.235 (PL 100)** as a Fire "talkaround" channel. I can confirm that the police use it as their "code channel" (alternate) with PL 156.7.

And the Westwood freq search goes on.....  
 73 John KB2SGJ

**TODD ASKS.....**

I am interested in dtmf tones for the NJ medic channels or fire dept for specific companies..would you know any MICOM or CENCOM tones or how I can track them???  
 thanks 73's  
 Todd, k2atf  
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**FEDERAL FREQUENCY RANGES**

From time to time we get E mail asking where the

best frequencies are to receive traffic from federal agencies. Here's a list of the predictable frequencies. Always keep in mind that in "sensitivity" situations federal agencies can operate wherever they want!

To find active Federal Frequencies search these ranges.

- 25.3300-25.5500
- 26.4800-26.9500
- 27.4500-28.0000
- 29.8900-29.9100
- 30.0000-30.5600
- 32.0000-33.0000
- 34.0000-35.0000
- 36.0000-38.0000
- 39.0000-40.0000
- 40.0000-42.0000
- 46.0000-47.0000

**For best results set step size at 12.5 kHz.**

- 137.0000-144.0000
- 148.0000-150.0000
- 162.0000-173.0000
- 173.4000-174.0000
- 225.0000-400.0000
- 406.1000-420.0000

- 137.0000-144.0000 Military
- 148.0000-150.0000 Military
- 162.0000-406.0000 Most non Military.

Note: Keep the search limits at 1 or 2 on MHz VHF and try 5 MHz on UHF. Repeat the search for at least 3 times for each range. Length: Search for at least two days. Times: Monitor in the night and early morning. Most morning communications occur between 7:00 and 9:00. Night monitoring can occur at any time.

Most activity will occur late at night. Listen to them "dance around the issue". Good luck, happy monitoring.

**DX WORLD WEB SITE**

<http://dxworld.com/>  
 Looking for a one stop web site to meet you radio listening hobby needs? This site comes pretty close. It offers updated news and information on many aspects of the hobby. Whether its amateur radio, UTE, or broadcast band DX'ing there's something there for everyone.

**HURRICANE SEASON 2001**

[www.hurricanefrequencies.com](http://www.hurricanefrequencies.com)

After suddenly disappearing Bill Snyder's famous Hurricane frequency has reappeared with a totally new fresh look. Much of the information has been updated. As we sit here recovering from a killer snow storm I would suggest book marking this for future reference.

**ART BELL RETURNS TO NY RADIO**

As mysteriously as he left, Art Bell popular radio night owl returns to the NY air waves. Listeners to Bell on NY's WABC Talk Radio 77 will only hear three (2-5 a.m.) of the five hour broadcast. Negotiations went down to the wire as Bell originally wanted a four hour slot.

Bell broadcasts from her desert home in Parhump, NV, also know as the home of the famous brothel, "The Chicken Ranch."

Bell also requested that his show carry half the commercials that would normally be inserted. At this time it has not been disclosed if WABC will use its controversial "Cashbox" digital time compression box to cram more commercials into Bell's show than the network format allows.

At this time Bell can be heard on the following stations which can generally be heard from the NY metro area in the evening hours.

800 CKLW Windsor Ontario Canada  
 810 WGY Schenectady, NY  
 890 WLS Chicago, IL  
 900 CHML Ontario Canada  
 930 WBEN Buffalo, NY  
 960 WELI Hamden - New Haven, CT  
 1100 WTAM  
 1210 Philadelphia, PA

**BC-780XLT LIVE ONLINE**

Justin, KC2GIK passes along this neat site where someone has their new Trunk Tracker III running live on line on the Boston PD system. To access the site you'll need Microsoft Media Player 7. Check it out at <http://johnster.ne.mediaone.net/bosscan.aspx>

**ONLINE MOTOROLA TRUNKING COURSE**

[http://www.motorola-wls.com/CW\\_ACS002/cbt/course.htm](http://www.motorola-wls.com/CW_ACS002/cbt/course.htm)

Confused about trunking technology? Looking for some free info to learn at your own pace? Here's an interesting site that's a must for new comers to the

trunking technology.

**NEW FDNY RADIOS ISSUED**

The new UHF HT's are being issued to field units as I write this. Keep your ears open on the FDNY base frequencies for instructions over the next few weeks. The dispatchers will be instructing field units to unpack, charge, test and put them inservice.

These UHF digital units are going to replace the current fireground units that currently operate on 153.3800 mhz no pl.

The digital units signal may not be received on our conventional and trunk tracking scanners, amateur radio and other commercial transceivers. For a list of FDNY UHF frequencies check out Charles Hargrove's (N2NOV) website: <http://www.n2nov.net>

Regards,  
 Joe Walc, K2JA

**Stop the Press.....**

This just in.... via Warren Silverman, N2RAH

The new handy-talkies (Motorola XTS-3500R) are going into service the first week of March 2001. There are 2 types, model 1 (for engines, ladders, battalions, and special units) and model 3 (for division chiefs and above).

The major difference between the two is that the model 3 radios will have 3 zones, A, B, and C, and model 1 radios will not have an LCD display nor will they be able to go to any zone but zone "A". However, battalions and units in SOC will have 3-zone capability.

Aside from the fact that these radios will use UHF, the major advantages over the Sabers and MX330's are the additional channels for secondary or adjacent incidents, and additional command channels. Under the old system there was only 1 fireground frequency and 4 tactical frequencies. Now there will be 2 fireground channels each with it's own command channel.

Here is the channel plan as it is now:

ZONE "A" Models 1 and 3 - Fireground and Repeaters

Ch 1	HT 1 Fireground	Simplex
Ch 2	HT 2 Fireground	Simplex
Ch 3	HT 3 Fireground	Simplex
Ch 4	Queens Fireground	Simplex

Ch 5 Brooklyn Fireground Simplex  
 Ch 6 Manhattan Fireground Simplex  
 Ch 7 Bronx Fireground Simplex  
 Ch 8 Staten Island Fireground Simplex  
 Ch 9 Hi-rise In-Building Repeater  
 Ch 10 Battalion Mobile Repeater  
 Ch 11 Subway Repeater 1  
 Ch 12 Subway Repeater 2  
 Ch 13 EMS/Fire Fireground  
 Ch 14 Railroad Repeater  
 Ch 15 Unassigned  
 Ch 16 Unassigned

Channel 1 is designated as the primary tactical channel. All units will use it in the same way we used 153.88 in the VHF system. Should a second incident occur nearby those units will use channel 3 as their primary tactical channel.

If the incident on channel 1 escalates the staff chief on scene will use channel 2 as a command channel. If the incident on channel 3 escalates that chief in charge will use either channels 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 depending on the borough.

#### ZONE "B" - Inter-agency and Select Communications

Ch 1 Interoperability - Citywide  
 Ch 2 Interoperability - Manhattan  
 Ch 3 Interoperability - Queens  
 Ch 4 Interoperability - Brooklyn  
 Ch 5 Interoperability - Bronx  
 Ch 6 Interoperability - Staten Island  
 Ch 7 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 8 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 9 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 10 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 11 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 12 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 13 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 14 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 15 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 16 Not yet assigned

#### ZONE "C" - Dispatch Communications

Ch 1 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 2 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 3 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 4 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 5 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 6 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 7 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 8 Not yet assigned

Ch 9 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 10 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 11 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 12 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 13 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 14 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 15 Not yet assigned  
 Ch 16 Not yet assigned

To my knowledge there are no guidelines at this time governing the use of zone B. In my opinion it looks like it will be at least a year before dispatch (future zone C) is converted over.

I regret that I do not have the actual frequencies for these channels at this time. But since these are digital radios it really doesn't make a difference. . . yet. Notwithstanding that, as soon as I learn the frequencies I'll post them here.

Frank Raffa

Supv. Dispatcher, FDNY

<http://www.FDNewYork.com>

#### **NJTPK & OTHER WEATHER FREQ's**

Just a reminder that during inclement weather the NJ Turnpike announces road conditions and weather forecasts on **159.180 MHz**. I also saw a post on one E mail list that Hudson County OEM is active **453.850** using dpl 023. The national tac channel is active **866.5125** PL 156.7 .

#### **GREAT SHORT WAVE SITE**

Dave, WI2Q passes this great page along. Have you ever tried to hear some SW stations only to find that the list you are using is either expired or inaccurate? This doesn't seem to be th case with this page! My own personal experience with this page is running about 90% accurate! Try it!  
<http://daniel-sampson.tripod.com/shortwave/time.html>

#### **The Urban DX'er would like to thank all those who contributed to this months issue!**

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 "MFR301" & Metro Fire Radio, Joe Walc - K2JA ,  
 Warren Silverman - N2RAH,